

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 8, 2010, in which the Examiner:

- objected to claim 16;
- rejected 17, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter;
- allowed claims 1, 6-15 and 28-30; and
- indicated claims 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection and § 101 rejections, respectively.

Applicant respectfully addresses the objections and rejections below. Claims 1, 6-17, 20, 22-23, 25-26 and 28-30 are currently pending; the current Amendment amends claims 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26. Claims 1, 12, 17, 23 and 28 are independent claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview of September 20, 2010, during which the § 101 rejections were discussed. Pursuant to that discussion, Applicant has rewritten claims 17, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 as method claims to overcome the § 101 rejections. Applicant has also amended claim 16 to address the objection thereto.

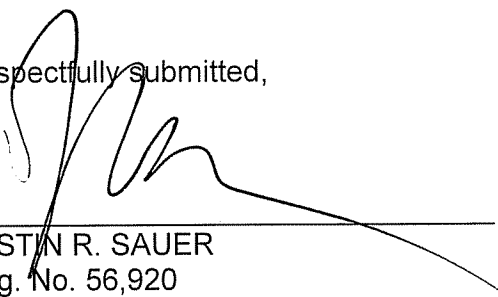
In view of the current Amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding objection and rejections be withdrawn, and claims 1, 6-17, 20, 22-23, 25-26 and 28-30 be passed to issue.

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Applicant respectfully submits that nothing in the current Amendment constitutes new matter. In particular, amendments to the claims are fully supported by the disclosure of the application, as filed.

Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this Amendment and Response. If the event any fees are deemed necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 01-0484.

Respectfully submitted,



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